

REMARKS

The present Amendment cancels claims 1-5, 8-30 and 32-42 and leaves claims 6, 7 and 31 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 6, 7 and 31.

The present Amendment is being submitted canceling rejected claims 1-5, 8-16, 18-30, 36-39, 41 and 42 so as to place the present application in condition for allowance based on claims 6, 7 and 31.

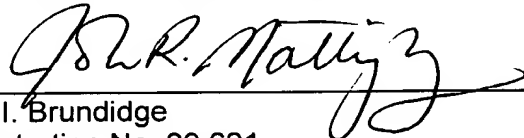
It should be noted that the cancellation of claims 1-5, 8-30 and 32-42 was not intended nor should it be considered as an agreement on Applicants part that the features recited in claims 1-5, 8-30 and 32-42 are taught or suggested by any of the references of record. The cancellation of claims 1-5, 8-30 and 32-42 was simply intended to expedite prosecution of the present application. Applicants hereby reserve their right to pursue the invention as set forth in claims 1-5, 8-30 and 32-42 in a continuing application.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 6, 7 and 31 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of the present application based on claims 6, 7 and 31 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (501.39293X00).

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